## II. NEW YORK NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE

A review of the full media coverage, which is contained in this section, indicates widespread interest in privacy issues on the part of the New York legislature and the New York press.

From past experience on smoking issues, it is to be expected that the major newspapers in New York City -- the Times, Post, Newsday and Daily New -- will closely cover and editorialize frequently on a bill to prohibit discrimination against smokers, if the bill gathers momentum in the legislature.

A significant New York test of a discrimination bill in the legislature also will be followed closely by editors across the country. Stories by the Times, Daily News and Newsday may be circulated across the country by their own news services, in addition to stories originated by the Associated Press and United Press International.

Anti-smoking activists should be considered to be acutely aware of the public opinion significance of New York legislative action on a discrimination bill. Activists are well-organized in New York and have excellent access to the news media.

In addition there are two additional stories which are included in this section.

NEWSDAY January 13, 1989

An article by David Behrens examines all facets of the testing issue.

ALBANY TIMES-UNION September 4, 1988

An article by John Caher on employee rights and privacy.

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